

MILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

~ 2013 REPORT ~

Land Management – In 2012 The Church of Our Saviour donated Lot 52-18 to the Conservation Commission. In 2013 the lot was merged with the existing town Rotch Wildlife Preserve expanding the Town Forest to 56 acres. A Conservation Easement was recorded for Map 45, Lot 2 as per the stipulation of the grant that helped purchase the property in 2011.

Trails – The Trails Committee continues to manage the trails. In 2013 Jon Thunberg built two bridges on the Souhegan River Trail – East. They span two gulches west of the MCAA fields. New trails were built in Mile Slip Town Forest and in Tucker Brook Town Forest. We extend our sincere thank the Trails Committee, trail stewards, and the many volunteers that help maintain our trail system.



Granite Town Rail Trail - The Rail Trail is one of the most heavily used trails in Milford. It attracts walkers, runners, and bikers. The Milford Rail Trail extends from the vicinity of the Department of Public Works facility on South Street to the Brookline town line where the trail joins the Brookline Rail Trail. The Rail Trail is home to foot races, training programs for Milford's middle and high school track teams and even training for our National Guard. It is imperative that this trail be maintained and improved. During 2013, the DPW provided necessary help to the Conservation Commission. Thanks to their assistance the section south of Melendy Road was improved.

Ghost Train Rail Trail Race – The Granite Town Ghost Trail Race again took place using the contiguous Milford and Brookline Rail Trails. 295 runners enjoyed the competition and comradery. The Rail Trail fund benefitted through the receipt of \$4,770 in fees that will be used to further enhance the Rail.

Milford Hikes - The Conservation Commission held its third year of 4th Saturday Hikes. An average of 15 hikers from both Milford and neighboring towns attended each of the eleven hikes.

The Commission has openings for both full and alternate members. For more information about what your Commission is doing or how you can help, see our website or call the office 603-249-0628.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Fraizer, Chair
Milford Conservation Commission

CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET - 2013 unaudited

OPERATING BUDGET

2013 Town Appropriation	\$ 22,091.00	
Salary	(19,109.00)	
Training	(270.00)	staff & members
Printing, Publishing	(150.00)	
Dues and Memberships	(495.00)	
Recording fees	(49.00)	
Travel/mileage reimbursements	0.00	
Contracted Services	(2,496.00)	
Office Supplies	(37.00)	
Postage	(22.00)	
Supplies, equipment	0.00	
Supplies, land maintenance	(366.00)	
Books	0.00	
Carry Forward	3,824.00	from previous year
Interest Income	0.00	
Year End Balance OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,921.00	

LAND FUND

Balance 2013/01	\$ 41,721.10
Private Contribution	0.00
Expenses	0.00
YE Balance LAND FUND	\$ 41,721.10

RAIL TRAIL FUND

Balance 2013/01	\$ 20,098.39
Private Contribution / Fundraising	4,910.50
Expenses	(2,385.93)
YE Balance RAIL TRAIL FUND	\$ 22,622.96

FOREST FUND

Balance 2013/01	\$ 15,282.60
Timber Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
YE Balance FOREST FUND	\$ 15,282.60

NEES BEQUEST

Balance 2013/01	\$ 3,087.56
Expenses	0.00
YE Balance NEES BEQUEST	\$ 3,087.56

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